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# STATEMENT

from the Premier

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## MORE R.E.D.S. PROJECTS FOR S.A.

The Premier today announced three new projects under the Regional Employment Development Scheme. Mr. Dunstan said \$1.4 million would be allocated to provide employment for more than 200 people.

The Premier, said that the projects were:-

- \* \$86,000 to the South Australian Meat Corporation to upgrade their abattoirs at Gepps Cross. This would provide immediate employment for some 120 people and continuing employment for at least 80 on completion of the work.
- \* Construction of a concrete bridge over the upper reaches of the Port Pirie River at Solomontown to give access to a reclaimed area which will be available for development. To cost \$410,000 and to provide employment for about 40.
- \* \$163,000 to the Noarlunga District Council to carry out a land use survey, including social and economic factors, at Noarlunga. This would create work for about 45 people, including a high proportion of women and provide the Council with basic data for planning.

"Work is expected to begin immediately," Mr. Dunstan said. "These projects are a further welcome boost to employment in South Australia and, of course, a boon to those individuals and families who will benefit. In addition, the projects themselves will be of continuing benefit to the State's economy."

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## ABATTOIRS PROJECT

The Premier said that the main works to be undertaken at Gepps Cross were the building of a new knackery, a skin shed, a meal and fertiliser building and the enlargement of the southern yards.

The new knackery would continue to provide a service to the community for the disposal of dead animals and for the slaughtering of stock for pet food. However, the plant would be designed so that other by-products of food and associated industries could be processed.

There was a demand by skin merchants for drying sheds at SAMCOR. Besides improving efficiency in the industry this facility would help overcome storage problems encountered from time to time.

A building to be erected near the Port Wakefield road will enable meal and fertiliser to be sold direct to the public. This will simplify purchasing procedures and will be more convenient for small buyers.

It is intended to increase the size of the southern cattle yards at Gepps Cross as all sales will be held there soon.. It is also proposed to provide a car parking area for buyers and to upgrade security fencing and lighting in the area.

## PORT PIRIE BRIDGE

The Premier said that the bridge to be built at Solomontown would provide access to a valuable area close to the centre of Port Pirie which had remained undeveloped through lack of suitable access.

The area was previously tidal flats, but two dredging projects had resulted in the reclamation of about 70 acres which was readily available for development. It would be the most logical site for slipways and other servicing facilities for the fishing fleet, and would also permit the re-location of portion of the fishing fleet and pleasure craft to reduce congestion at the existing facilities.

The bridge would consist of a reinforced concrete deck on mild steel piles. The deck would be cast in place, thus providing for maximum employment of on-site labor at about the same cost as if pre-cast

concrete had been used. Mr. Dunstan said that this would also benefit the local concrete mix and quarrying industries at Port Pirie.

The approach embankments will be formed of local creek gravel and faced with quarry stone to prevent erosion. The embankments and the bridge will be paved with a bitumenous road surface.

#### LAND USE SURVEY

The Premier said that the land use survey in the Noarlunga District Council area would provide information to enable a supplementary development plan to be prepared. The 1962 Metropolitan Development Plan anticipated that a large area then zoned would be needed some time after 1981 to cater for expected population increases. These forecasts were proving reasonably accurate and indicated that further residential land would be required.

The survey now to be undertaken would study such things as land use, age and condition of buildings, transport, shopping habits, employment and the economic and demographic characteristics of the area.

Apart from some experts who would supervise the survey and analyse the information, it was envisaged that the project would employ about 40 female interviewers and supervisors of matriculation standard, among whom there was noticeable unemployment at present.

The results of the survey would assist the South Australian Land Commission and the Housing Trust in the acquisition and development of residential land. It would also help the State Planning Office in its studies, and would enable the Noarlunga Council to make decisions which would more closely reflect the needs of the community.

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